

**Fairfax County Park Authority
Board Meeting
July 13, 2005**

The Chairman convened the meeting at 7:43 p.m. at Park Authority Headquarters, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

Board Members

Harold L. Strickland, Chairman
Joanne E. Malone, Vice Chairman
Frank S. Vajda, Secretary-Treasurer
Edward R. Batten, Sr.
William G. Bouie
Kevin J. Fay
Kenneth G. Feng*
Harry Glasgow
Georgette Kohler
George E. Lovelace
Gilbert S. McCutcheon
Winifred S. Shapiro

*Board Member Absent

Guests:

Staff

Michael A. Kane, Director
Timothy K. White, Deputy Director
Nancy L. Brumit, Administrative Assistant

Charlie Bittenbring
Bob Brennan
Brian Daly
Cindy Messinger
Miriam Morrison
Judy Pedersen
Lynn Tadlock

Seema Ajrawat
Mike Baird
Meghan Fellows
Jonathan Kelly
John Lehman
Heather Melchior
Barbara Nugent
Kay Rutledge
Charles Smith
Sandy Stallman
Sue Tibbetts
Bethany Timmes
Ted Zavora

AGENDA CHANGES

Mr. Strickland asked if there were any changes to the Agenda. Mr. Kane requested that CLOSED SESSION for Land Acquisition be DEFERRED; CLOSED SESSION for Adoption of Closed Session Minutes could be held during Public Session. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

NOTE: Mr. Strickland cancelled CLOSED SESSION – Adoption of Closed Session Minutes and considered the Acceptance of Closed Session Minutes dated June 22, 2005 in Public Session as follows. (Board Members had previously received and reviewed the Closed Session Minutes.)

OTHER ACTIONS

Acceptance of Closed Session Minutes Dated June 22, 2005

Mr. Vajda **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the Closed Session Minutes dated June 22, 2005; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent. Being absent from the June 22, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting, Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on this item.

PRESENTATION

P-1 Natural Resource Management Plan - Annual Update

Ms. Melchior from the Resource Management Division presented an overview of the Agency's Natural Resource Management Plan to the Park Authority Board, reviewing FY 2005 accomplishments and implementation plans for FY 2006.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Mr. Strickland gave the CHAIR to Ms. Malone

ADMIN 1 Approval - Request for Land Dedication for RZ/FDP 2005-SU-013, Kensington Manor

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on July 6, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Strickland **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the following summary comments regarding RZ 2005-SU-013, Kensington Manor/Renaissance Holdings:

The Park Authority requests that the Applicant develop and dedicate a minimum of four acres to FCPA for a new Local Park (See Attachment 2).

The MOTION was **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

Ms. Malone returned the CHAIR to Mr. Strickland.

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ADMIN 2 Adoption of Minutes - June 22, 2005 Park Authority Board Meeting

Mr. Bouie **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the minutes of the June 22, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting; **SECONDED** by Mr. Glasgow and **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent. Being absent from the June 22, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting, Ms. Kohler, Ms. Malone and Messrs. Lovelace, McCutcheon and Strickland **ABSTAINED** from the vote. There was no discussion on this item.

ACTION ITEMS**A-1 Approval - Night Riding Pilot Program Report and Recommendation**

This item was reviewed by the Park Services Committee on July 6, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mrs. Shapiro **MOVED** the Park Authority Board accept the report of night riding pilot program and approve the program at Wakefield Park on a permanent basis; **SECONDED** by Ms. Malone and **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-2 Approval - Joint Resolution by the Fairfax County Park Authority and the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to oppose Comprehensive Plan Alignment as Proposed in the Tri-County Parkway Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on July 6, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board

Mr. Lovelace **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the adoption of the Joint Resolution with the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority to oppose the Comprehensive Plan Alignment of the Tri-County Parkway which bisects parkland owned by County and Regional Park Authorities, and has significantly greater impacts to the County's natural, cultural and financial resources than other proposed alternatives; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

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A-3 Approval - Resolution Supporting the Laurel Hill Equestrian Center Partnership

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on July 6, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve the Resolution supporting the Laurel Hill Equestrian Center Partnership; **SECONDED** by Mr. Bouie and **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

A-4 Approval - Completion of Athletic Field Improvements at Hooes Road Park

This item was reviewed by the Planning and Development Committee on July 6, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

Mr. Batten **MOVED** the Park Authority Board approve completing the corrective work on the athletic fields and perform additional work on the 90-ft. diamond field at Hooes Road Park in an amount not-to-exceed \$445,000; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

Mr. Strickland called for a MOTION on the FY 2005 Carryover Budget Review ACTION ITEMS 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

Mr. Lovelace **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board approve ACTION ITEMS

A-5 FY 2005 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 001, Park Authority General Fund

A-6 FY 2005 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 170, Park Revenue Fund

A-7 FY 2005 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 303, County Construction Fund

A-8 FY 2005 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 370, Park Authority Bond Construction Fund

A-9 FY 2005 Carryover Budget Review – Fund 371, Park Capital Improvement Fund

as presented by staff; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent. There was no discussion on this item.

These items were reviewed by the Budget Committee on July 13, 2005 and approved for submission to the Park Authority Board.

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INFORMATION ITEMS**I-1 Natural Resource Management Plan Update and Implementation Plan**

The board reviewed the item regarding *Natural Resource Management Plan Update and Implementation Plan*. No action was necessary. There was no discussion on this item.

I-2 McLean Youth Soccer - Satisfaction of Cures for Breach of Contract

The board reviewed the item regarding McLean Youth Soccer – Satisfaction of Cures for Breach of Contract.

After board discussion, it was the **CONSENSUS** of the Park Authority Board Members present to replace the second sentence in the second to the last paragraph of Attachment 3: Draft Letter to Michael Reimer, McLean Youth Soccer from Michael A. Kane, Director dated July 14, 2005. The replacement sentence reads:

Relevant to the issue of charging for the use of Field 2, the audit results could not fully verify the extent of the charges that occurred due to the lack of verifiable information.

CHAIRMAN'S MATTERS

- **Memorandum to Park Authority Board from Hal Strickland, Chairman dated July 13, 2005 RE: Summary of July 5, 2005 Meeting with Chairman Gerry Connolly with Attachments of a Letter to Harold L. Strickland from Phillip A. Niedzielski-Eichner, Chairman School Board dated June 17, 2005, and a Memorandum to David P. Bobzien, County Attorney from Gerry Connolly, Chairman, Board of Supervisors, RE: Proffers for Park Facilities for Passive Recreation, dated July 5, 2005.**

Mr. Strickland reviewed his letter, which was an update on his meeting on July 5, 2005 with Board of Supervisors Chairman Connolly, Park Authority Director Kane, Park Authority Board At-Large Member Harry Glasgow and Chairman Connolly's Assistant John Pasek. Mr. Strickland's update included:

Tri-County Parkway
Fairfax County Public Schools Surplus Property
Follow-Up Items from the March 7, 2005 Joint Meeting
Metro-West
Tyson's Corner Transportation and Urban Design Study Coordinating Committee

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Proffers for Passive Recreation Facilities

Park Authority's 10% Land Acquisition Goal

Mr. Strickland reported that Chairman Connolly had stated that school property that is being used for parks should remain with parks. As a result of this conversation, Mr. Strickland indicated that he would send a memo to Chairman Connolly stating that the Park Authority feels that it is to its advantage to move forward in a timely manner and provide a list of properties that are of interest to the Park Authority. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board**

Mr. Strickland brought the Board's attention to the correspondence from Chairman Connolly to the County Attorney asking for clarification on the proffer process, as well as its history and any legal implications the County would face should it change its practice.

Mr. Strickland also shared his letter from the Chairman of the School Board discussing a recent meeting and the possibility of having a Joint Meeting with the School Board in the fall of 2005.

- **Public Master Planning Workshop – Sully Woodlands Recreation Focus Group**

Mr. Strickland thanked Cindy Messinger, Heather Melchior and Charles Smith for their help and support at the Sully Woodlands Natural and Cultural Resources Focus Group meeting held at Rocky Run Middle School on Monday, July 11, 2005. The meeting was well attended.

Mr. Strickland also thanked Harry Glasgow for his attendance. Mr. Strickland commended Angie Allen for doing a great job of contacting and working with the interested groups.

- **Park Authority's Field Walk-On Use Policy**

Mr. Strickland reported that the new Walk-on Use Policy will be presented to the Park Authority Board at its meeting on July 27, 2005. Mr. Strickland recommended that the board take its time in reviewing the policy, but to do it in a timely manner. He stated that the board should be sure the policy protects all its citizens and gives all its citizens the same rights to use park facilities.

Mr. Kane indicated that the Park Authority is required to hold public hearings on changes or additions to its regulations, while the School Board is not required to do so. The Board of Supervisors cannot pass a countywide ordinance that affects all property because they do not have the authority to govern behaviors on park property. The Park Authority Board is the only body that has such authority.

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Director's Matters:

- **Cub Run RECenter**

Mr. Kane reported that the air conditioning system at Cub Run RECenter failed during the week of July 4, 2005. While the cause of the failure is still not confirmed, it appears that it was due to a manufacturing defect in the equipment. Crews worked throughout the weekend and the first part of the week to get the system partially restored as of Tuesday afternoon (July 12, 2005). This morning the building was cool enough to resume operations and the system was functioning properly.

Thanks to relatively moderate temperatures last week, center operations and programs were able to continue with minimal adverse impact, although parents of camp participants were less than fully satisfied. Higher temperatures at the start of this week with the outdoor heat index reaching 100 and temperatures inside the RECenter already at 87 degrees by 9 a.m. created very uncomfortable indoor conditions. As a result, staff was able to make modifications to protect the health and safety of its campers by moving full-day camps to an air conditioned location.

Approximately 130 children and camp counselors were shuttled by Fairfax County school buses at 9:30 Tuesday morning to nearby Virginia Run Elementary School. Campers maintained a normal schedule of activities, in air-conditioned comfort, returning by bus to Cub Run RECenter in the afternoon for swimming in Cub Run's pools. (Arrangements were in place for a similar schedule today in case repairs were not completed or the system was not functioning correctly.) Nature Camp, which runs from 9 a.m. to noon, continued as scheduled outdoors at Cub Run, with students walking next door to Westfield High School for cooling breaks. Some fitness and other classes have been postponed at the RECenter until the temperatures inside the center return to normal levels.

Park Services staff worked hard to keep our customers safe, cool and hydrated. Staff also kept parents informed of the situation and facilitated necessary changes as needed. It was an admirable effort under difficult circumstances.

- **Laurel Hill 2232 Postponed**

On July 12, 2005, the South County Federation adopted a resolution with a vote of 52-0 expressing opposition to the 2232 hearing for the General Management Plan and Conceptual Development Plan for Laurel Hill stating that the Park Authority application does not fully conform with the Comprehensive Plan for the site, nor does it incorporate community input.

As a result of this resolution Planning Commissioner John Byers deferred the public hearing on the 2232 until the middle of October 2005. Commissioner Byers is also asking that Park Authority

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staff meet with the South County Federation.

- **Resignation**

Regretfully, Mr. Kane reported that Brian Daly, Director of the Park Operations Division has tendered his resignation effective August 5, 2005. Brian has accepted the position of Assistant Director of Parks and Recreation for the city of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Brian has been with the Park Authority for 18+ years and has truly been an asset and will be missed. Mr. Kane requested to bring Brian back to the July 27, 2005 Park Authority Board meeting to receive a resolution of appreciation. **There were no objections from the Park Authority Board.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE RECORD

NOTE: No committee minutes were entered FOR THE RECORD at this meeting. Committee minutes are entered FOR THE RECORD during the second Park Authority Board meeting each month.

BOARD MATTERS

- **Joanne E. Malone**

Ms. Malone reported that the Planning Commission will vote on the 2232 for Nottoway Park on Thursday, July 14, 2005.

Ms. Malone stated that she was sorry to see Brian Daly leave, but that Charlottesville seems to be a great place and she wished him and his family well.

- **Frank S. Vajda**

Mr. Vajda extended well wishes to Brian.

Mr. Vajda invited the board to attend the public planning workshop for the John C. and Margaret K. White Horticultural Park at J.E.B. Stuart High School at 7 p.m. on July 21, 2005.

- **Gilbert S. McCutcheon**

Mr. McCutcheon told Brian Daly that the board will miss him. Mr. McCutcheon has friends in Charlottesville and had he known about this before Brian accepted the position, he could have had this turn out in the Park Authority's favor.

Mr. McCutcheon reported that during the Mount Vernon Farmers' Market on Tuesday morning former board members Harold Henderson and Dick Pro stopped by to shop and visit. Both asked to be remembered to the members of the board and staff.

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- **Winifred S. Shapiro**

Mrs. Shapiro indicated to Brian Daly that she had a couple of things going on her district and that she would try to think of a couple more so she could take advantage of his expertise before he leaves for Charlottesville. She thanked him for all his help.

- **Kenneth G. Feng**

Mr. Feng was absent.

- **Kevin J. Fay**

Mr. Fay thanked Brian and wished him and his family good luck with the transition.

- **Edward R. Batten, Sr.**

Mr. Batten stated that he will miss Brian and like his colleagues, wished Brian and his family every success and happiness. Charlottesville is a wonderful place to live and to raise a family.

- **Georgette Kohler**

Ms. Kohler echoed the sentiments of her fellow board members to Brian. Ms. Kohler stated that she enjoyed meeting Brian and that he had done a number of nice things for her. As an At-large member she had called several times and he always provided direction and she always appreciated his response.

- **George E. Lovelace**

Mr. Lovelace stated that on a selfish note the Park Authority Board has had the privilege of working with Brian at the Athletic Council and as he (George Lovelace) arrives, Brian leaves. Mr. Lovelace noted that he developed a great relationship with Brian as a result of the Athletic Council and always stated that Brian makes a great presentation for the Park Authority. Mr. Lovelace indicated that he truly hates to see Brian go. Mr. Lovelace added that he owns some property in Nelson County that Brian may want to consider for a park.

- **Harrison A. Glasgow**

Mr. Glasgow paralleled the chairman's comments about the Sully Woodlands Natural and Cultural Resources Focus Group meeting, which was held on July 11, 2005. Angie Allen is very knowledgeable, and coupling with the Resource Management staff, the meeting went very well.

The Groveton Heights rezoning was approved at the Board of Supervisors' meeting on Monday, July 11, 2005. One of the proffers in the rezoning is \$50,000 to be given to the Historic Huntley program. This ties in to the question about whether or not proffer funds can be used for passive recreation.

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The next Sully Woodlands focus group meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2005, at Rocky Run Middle School at 7 p.m. The theme for this meeting will be recreation facilities. Mr. Glasgow invited the board to attend.

Mr. Glasgow also congratulated Brian Daly and wished him well.

- **William G. Bouie**

Mr. Bouie thanked Brian for everything he has done, and stated that Brian has been a tremendous asset. Mr. Bouie wished Brian and his family the best of luck.

Mr. Bouie reported that he had attended the Lawyers Road Park property public master planning workshop on Tuesday, July 12, 2005. Mr. Bouie thanked Irish Grandfield, Project Manager, and staff for a very successful workshop. Mr. Bouie reported that the process seems to be moving forward.

CLOSED SESSION - Deferred

NOTE: Acceptance of Closed Session Minutes dated June 22, 2005 was considered at the start of this meeting during Public Session.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:58 p.m. Mr. McCutcheon **MOVED** that the Park Authority Board meeting be adjourned; **SECONDED** by Mr. Vajda and **APPROVED** with Mr. Feng being absent.

Frank S. Vajda
Secretary-Treasurer

Minutes Approved at Meeting
on July 27, 2005

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